

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 21, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:30 p.m. Committeemen Newton, Racite, Dennis, Brown and Pelura were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Police Chief, E. Gilbert-Public Works.

Mayor Pelura called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Motion **that all properly audited vouchers be paid** was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton to accept **Monthly Departmental reports for February 2012** and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the **Administrative Comp. Time Report**, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the **Regular and Special Budget meeting held on March 7, 2012**, and the **Special Budget meeting held on March 16, 2012**. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Pelura mentioned **Park Permit #8** being for the First Baptist Church of Pedricktown to hold a church picnic on September 9, 2012. Mr. Dennis motioned, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor. **Social Affairs Permit** for the Penns Grove Exchange Club on May 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor, except Mr. Brown who abstained. The Mayor mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Donna Quirk, Jim Williamson and Hedwig Hogg to attend mandatory code of conduct training for all Court staff on March 30<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Dr. Racite motioned, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. **Educational Enhancement** for Court Administrator Annmarie Brown to attend the same session but in the afternoon was motioned on by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. There was an **Educational Enhancement** for Kathleen Keen and Linda Jones to attend the Annual Spring meeting for the Registrar Assoc. on April 12<sup>th</sup> at \$35.00 per person. Motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor. Last, **Educational Enhancement** was for Sgt. Colletti, Ptlm. Petruz and Ptlm. Racite to attend a class on Traffic Stops on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$100.00 per person. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

**Resolutions 2012-58**

**MOSQUITO COMMISSION AERIAL SPRAY FORM**

Dr. Racite made a motion to allow for the Mayor to execute the consent to allow for aerial spraying by the Mosquito Control Commission, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor

**Resolution 2012-59**

**REFUND OF TAX PAYMENTS**

Motion was made by Dr. Racite to approve the refund of \$30.71 and \$122.82 totaling \$153.53 to Block 187, Lot 12, , seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**Resolution 2012-60**  
**TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

Dr. Racite motioned to authorize Gene Gilbert Public Works Superintendent to fill out the Tonnage Grant Application, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

**Resolution 2012-61**  
**TAX IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Racite to have Gene Gilbert Superintendent of Public Works certify a submission of expenditure for taxes paid for recycling tax in the amount of \$3.00 per ton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**Resolution 2012-62**  
**EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION**

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the emergency temporary resolution in the amount of \$530,212.00, seconded by Dr. Racite. Mrs. Stout commented the payments on the retirement plans will come due before the adoption of the budget. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Resolution 2012-63**  
**TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

Motion was made by Dr. Racite to approve an appropriation reserve transfer in the amount of \$11,000, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**Resolution 2012-65**  
**SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET**

Dr. Racite motioned to approve the self examination of the Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mrs. Stout stated the Local Finance Board allows municipalities to self exam if they are in sound fiscal condition. She said both she and the Auditor will examine the budget. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura made the statement that the next resolution, He, Mr. Brown and Dr. Racite are all in conflict. He said they will recuse themselves from the dais and even leave the room so not to influence the others. Mr. Brown said the only reason he is in conflict is because he lives within 200 feet of the proposed project site. Once the three members left the room, Mr. Dennis took over the meeting.

**Resolution 2012-64**  
**NAMING A REDEVELOPER**

Mr. Dennis motioned to Designate Tri- County Real Estate and Maintenance Company, Inc. or its legal designee as redeveloper of the site known as Frangible Disk Site, and authorizing an execution of memorandum of understanding and premeditation agreement, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Newton had a unanimous yes vote. Mayor Pelura, Mr. Brown and Dr. Racite returned to the meeting.

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Gilbert addressed the Emergency Pump Station repairs. He said the corrections have been made to the bid package and he is asking for permission to allow this to go out for bid. Dr. Racite made the motion to go out to bid, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mr. Gilbert mentioned Public Works started Monday morning to pick up trash at the Carneys Point section of White Oaks Trailer park. He was glad to report everything went well. Chief DiGregorio let the Committee know that only one person applied for the Lieutenant's position.

Under **New Business**, Mrs. Stout mentioned the JIF requires the Township to review and update the Personnel Policies and Procedures. Mayor Pelura said this is his committee so he and Mr. Brown will be appointed to the sub-committee to review the personnel policies and Procedures.

Mr. Gilbert addressed a letter from the Wesleyan Church on Georgetown Rd. He said they are looking at putting handicapped parking in front of the building on Georgetown Rd. This is a county road so a resolution to ask the County to look into this will have to be done.

Mayor Pelura spoke on the Community Yard Sale which will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He said the Recreation Commission asks for people to sign up if they want to participate in the yard sale. The fees are waived and the Rec. Commission advertised for the event. The day before the sale, lists of all who are participating will be placed in a box in the front of the building. Mayor Pelura introduced Sue Ann Leighty Executive Director of the Habitat for Humanity. She said this year is the Habitat's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and she is very proud of the work they do. She said they are joining the Community Yard Sale for a few reasons. One there will be joint advertising, seconded a few days before the sale the list of participants will be called to see if they would like to donate what is left to the Habitat's Restore. If we do not take what is left then Big Brothers/Big Sisters will take it. Either way it will not be put in the trash.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the Community clean-up day on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Bring a rake, shovel or yard tools to the Rec. Complex. Also, Little League will hold it opening ceremony on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chief DiGregorio said on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Chief Spinelli will be honored at the Burlington, Camden Police Chief's breakfast in Cherry Hill. Mayor Pelura said and well deserved.

**Public Participation:** Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. said she is glad the Township came to the decision to pass the resolution allowing Mr. Bibeau to develop the Frangible Disk Site for disabled persons. She said Mr. Bibeau does nice work and she feels he will do a great job.

Ed Voyles of PG-Aub. Rd. asked if the residents will be notified for the mosquito aerial spraying. Mr. Gilbert said the Township is given about two days notice. Mr. Voyles asked Mr. Dennis to read the resolution for appointing a Redeveloper and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mike Jedziniak, Attorney with Jeffrey Surenian and Associates, LLC said the MOU is in final form with minor changes to be made before signing tomorrow. Mr. Bibeau will be bringing a check to the Township tomorrow for \$25,000. Mr. Jedziniak said Mr. Bibeau has offered to pay all the legal fees incurred when he filed a builder's remedy lawsuit last year. Mr. Jedziniak said the legal fees are contingent upon funding from the State. 50% of the legal fees will be placed in escrow by the end of the year, with the rest being paid upon getting the CO. Mr. Jedziniak said Mr. Bibeau will conform to all current zoning laws for that property. Mr. Voyles asked why is the Township doing business with him, he cost the Township lots of money. Mayor Pelura closed the public portion at this time so he could introduce the 2012 budget.

**7 PM,** Mayor Pelura spoke on the 2012 Budget. He said this budget totals \$8,888,983.00 which is a decrease of about \$425,000. He said he is proud to say this Committee worked long and hard on this budget. Many hours were put in and he feels good about the final budget. There will be no tax increase and no layoffs projected. He said there is actually a decrease in taxes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2012-66**

#### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE**

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the Municipal Budget Notice which introduces the 2012 Municipal budget, seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura reopened the meeting for public questions and comments.

Mary Ottinger of Leap Ave. thanked Chief DiGregorio and the Police Department for taking care of the speeders on her road. She would still like to see more coverage. The Chief said officers will be assigned to her area and to Hawks Bridge Road to help reduce the amount of speeders. He said these are two high traffic areas. Mrs. Ottinger spoke on the development on the Frangible Disk site. She said she is not opposed to the development but would like for this project to be overseen/supervised to prevent what happened before. She would like for Mr. Bibeau to follow procedures. That is all she and her neighbors are asking for.

Brenda O'Donald of N. DuPont Rd. said she is elated and shocked on the tax decrease. She said she does not know what the Committee has to do but is happy for what has been done. Mrs. O'Donald said this is good for the town.

Ben Ford of N. Virginia Ave. asked if the new agreement with Mr. Bibeau supersedes the old one with the Planning Board. He specified the 2009 Agreement. Mr. Jebziniak commented the Redevelopment plan will be changed. This development will have to go before the Planning Board like any other development and conform to the redevelopment plan in place.

Richard Gatanis of Pinewood Ave. spoke of the non-contractual employees not receiving a raise in three years. He mentioned that both Public Works and the Police have received salary increases in the past three years. He feels this is unfair to the non-contractual employees. Mr. Gatanis brought up the dispatchers going to the County. He said this has been brought up over three months ago so the Committee could look into this service and nothing has been done yet. The State is looking for towns to consolidate or do shared services and Carneys Point is not.

With no more questions or comments from the public this portion was closed.

Mayor Pelura addressed the comments from Mr. Gatanis. He said Mr. Gatanis was wrong on all his points. Mayor Pelura said he spoke to the County on Dispatching and they are in no position to give us numbers on what this service would cost the Township. Mayor Pelura said the Township is looking into shard services with other Townships but this is negotiations and done in executive session so the public may not be aware. Lastly, Mayor Pelura said money has been put in the budget to cover increases if they are given. Mayor Pelura moved on to address the Open Space Tax decrease. He explained that in 2006 by non-binding referendum a vote was taken to allow for money to be taken (up to 2 cents) for open space and recreation area. He said that account contains around \$269,000 dollars. He gave the analogy that to keep filling a bucket that is already full would be silly. Mayor Pelura said in the past they have help preserve farms by helping with soft costs. This is about \$9,000 for each farm. He said there are no applications presently on farm land preservation. This amount which has been decreased can always be increased if needed.

Mr. Brown said the Township is not depleting the money from the account but will continue to put money in this account at a slower rate.

Dr. Racite mentioned a line on the budget for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$888,000.00. Dr. Racite went on to say from every direction you enter Carneys Point you pass a property which is abandoned and taxes are owed. He said some of the properties on this list for uncollected taxes are environmentally sensitive. He said the residents carry the burden for these properties and feels a letter for intent to foreclose should be sent by the Solicitor.

Mr. Brown said some of the properties the Township are better off not taking ownership. He said the Tax Collector has a 95% collection rate on all taxes and does a good job. Mayor Pelura said the Industrial Commission can market these properties and maybe get some value from them again.

**RESOLUTION 2012-67**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Racite motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:01 pm.

Dr. Racite made a motion to have a letter sent to Penns Grove and to Pennsville Township from the Solicitor to see if they may be interested in a shared service on Police Dispatching. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

No further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Racite to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8.03 p.m.

Approved: 4-4-12

  
Julie Proffitt, Municipal Clerk